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SUBJECT: SWISS NPT RATIFICATION CEREMONY

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1. IN A CEREMONY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SWISS
AMBASSADOR PROBST DEPOSITED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUMENT OF
RATIFICATION OF THE NPT WITH AN ACCOMPANYING DECLARATION.
(FOR TEXT SEE NEXT PARA.) UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS HABIB ACCEPTED THE INSTRUMENT ON BEHALF
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OF THE USG.

2. THE DECLARATION WAS NOT PRESENTED ORALLY BUT SIMPLY
ACCOMPANIED THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION. BEGIN TEXT
OF SWISS DECLARATION - QUOTE

-- NOTING THAT THE TREATY IS INTENDED TO PREVENT STATES

WHICH DO NOT POSSESS NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM PRODUCING SUCH WEAPONS AND OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES OR ACQUIRING THEM, SWITZERLAND HEREBY RATIFIES THE TREATY WITH THE VIEW THAT ITS PROVISIONS ARE DIRECTED EXCLUSIVELY AT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT GOAL AND WILL NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF LIMITING THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

-- AVAILING ITSELF OF THIS OCCASION OF THE DEPOSIT OF ITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION, SWITZERLAND MAKES THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

-- 1. SWITZERLAND NOTES THAT, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IV, RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, AND USE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR ARE NOT GOVERNED BY THE PROHIBITIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLES I AND II. SUCH ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE THE ENTIRE FIELD OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND RELATED OPERATIONS, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SECTOR OF FUTURE GENERATIONS OF NUCLEAR FISSION OR FUSION REACTORS, AND THE PRODUCTION OF ISOTOPES.

-- 2. SWITZERLAND DEFINES THE TERM "SOURCE OR SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL," USED IN ARTICLE III, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CURRENT ARTICLE XX OF THE STATUTE OF THE IAEA. A MODIFICATION OF THIS INTERPRETATION SHALL REQUIRE THE FORMAL AGREEMENT OF SWITZERLAND.

-- FURTHERMORE, SWITZERLAND WILL ACCEPT ONLY SUCH INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF THE CONCEPTS "EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS SPECIALLY DESIGNED OR PREPARED FOR THE PRO-

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CESSING, USE OR PRODUCTION OF SPECIAL FISSIONABLE MATERIAL," MENTIONED IN ARTICLE III(2), AS IT HAS EXPRESSLY APPROVED.

-- 3. SWITZERLAND UNDERSTANDS THAT APPLICATION OF THE TREATY AND PARTICULARLY THE CONTROL MEASURES WILL NOT LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SWISS INDUSTRY IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. END QUOTE - END TEXT OF SWISS DECLARATION.

3. IN OPENING THE CEREMONY MR. HABIB EMPHASIZED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO NONPROLIFERATION AND PRAISED THE SWISS ACTION AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE GOAL OF UNIVERSAL NPT ADHERENCE. THE UNDER SECRETARY ASSURED THE SWISS THE NPT WAS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NUCLEAR ENERGY NEEDS. HE ALSO LAUDED SWISS CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE THROUGH THE YEARS.

4. AMBASSADOR PROBST CALLED SWISS RATIFICATION AN ACT OF GREAT POLITICAL RELEVANCE AND EMPHASIZED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VITAL INTEREST IN AVOIDING A WIDER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS. HE EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT NO PART OF THE TREATY AFFECTS EACH STATE'S RIGHT TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND STATED HIS OWN BELIEF THAT SWISS RATIFICATION WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.
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